

Meyers, Robert (COE)

To: Abolila, Esther (DIST11)
Subject: RE: Letter to Ethics Department

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Esther,

Sorry I haven't responded sooner. After reviewing the attached, it is consistent with other letters of solicitation our office has approved. Given the fact that the Commissioner is partnering with the Miami-Dade County Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board, this solicitation falls under the exemption that permits commissioners to solicit in behalf of the County in their official capacity for official County business. Of course, the one caveat remains that the solicitation must be general in nature -- not targeted to those who are County vendors or prospective County vendors.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Robert

-----Original Message-----

From: Abolila, Esther (DIST11)
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2004 12:39 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Marin-LaRocca, Mavis (DIST11)
Subject: FW: Letter to Ethics Department
Importance: High

Hi Robert,

Hope you are doing well. The Commissioner will be hosting an event in October and we would like you review the attached letter and let us know if it is in compliance. Please advise.

Thanks!
Esther

-----Original Message-----

From: Marin-LaRocca, Mavis (DIST11)
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2004 12:30 PM
To: Abolila, Esther (DIST11)
Subject: Letter to Ethics Department

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Hi Esther! Javier said that you could send this to the appropriate person in the Ethics Department. Thank you very much! You could give them my name & number so that I can make any corrections that the letter might need, or if they should have any other questions. Thanks again!

Mavis

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June 18, 2004

Guillermo Villar
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Dear Mr. Villar:

October is getting near and it brings the Hispanic Heritage celebrations. I have partnered with the Miami-Dade County Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board (HAAB) to bring the 5th Annual Hispanic Art Expressions 2004. This event, which I will be hosting, will showcase our rich culture with 40 works of art from 13 countries through art and sculpture. Proceeds from the sale of the art are donated to the STARS/HOPE scholarship fund which provides scholarship opportunities to Hispanic, at-risk students.

The Hispanic Art Expressions exhibit will be at several sites. Therefore, I invite you to support our event by becoming a partner in exhibiting the artwork at the bank lobby and by sponsoring the opening reception on Friday, October 15, 2004. The opening reception will be a private by invitation only reception and Commercebank will be given due credit on all printed materials, press release and communications to the media.

I am truly honored to be involved in this wonderful event, and look forward to becoming your partner as we celebrate Hispanic culture. Thank you in advance for your attention. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (305) 552-1155.

Sincerely,

Joe A. Martinez
Commissioner

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